

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2005**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Room 521 House Office Building**

**Chairman Sheen** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Condino, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Bennett. (16/17)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Meisner. (1/17)

**Chairman Sheen** laid **HB 4289** before the committee.

HB 4289   Mortimer                      State; escheats; qualified voter file; require department of treasury to sort list of abandoned property with certain records and refund property to persons identified.

**Representative Mortimer**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Representative Drolet** moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 4289**. **Representative Meyer** supported the motion.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Condino, Bieda, Miller, Bennett. (13/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Drolet** moved to report **HB 4289** as an **(H-1)**, with recommendation. **Representative Meyer** supported the motion.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Condino, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Bennett. (14/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Chairman Sheen** laid **HB 4204** before the committee.

HB 4204 Gosselin Sales tax; collections; sales tax collection on gasoline; provide for cap.

**Representative Gosselin**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4204**.

**Keith Carey**, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified before the committee with a neutral position on **HB 4204**.

**Don Olendorf**, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association and the Allegan County Intermediate School District, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4204**.

**James Clift**, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4204**.

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4204**.

**Bill McMaster**, representing Taxpayers United, testified before the committee on **HB 4204**.

The following people turned in testimony cards in opposition to **HB 4204** but did not wish to speak:

**Don Noble**, representing the Michigan Education Association.

**Louise Somalski**, representing the Michigan Federation of Teachers.

**Brad Biladeau**, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

**Brian Whiston**, representing Oakland Schools.

**Bill Tunncliff**, representing the Middle Cities Education Association.

**Kathleen Merry**, representing the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

**Kathleen Booher**, representing Tri-County Alliance.

**Matt Tomasiewicz**, representing the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District.

**Nancy Stanley**, representing the Michigan Elementary Principals Association.

**Representative Drolet** moved to adopt the (H-2) substitute to **HB 4204**. **Representative Palmer** supported the motion.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau. (10/17)

**NAYS:** Reps. Condino, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Bennett. (6/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Marleau** moved to adopt the following amendment to **HB 4204 (H-2)**.  
**Representative Drolet** supported the motion.

1. Amend page 6, line 24, after “(o)” by striking out the balance of the subdivision and inserting “**BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007, THE AMOUNT OF THE SALES PRICE OF A GALLON OF GASOLINE THAT EXCEEDS \$1.99 PER GALLON.**”

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Miller. (12/17)

**NAYS:** Reps. Condino, Farrah, Zelenko, Bennett. (4/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Palmer** moved to report **HB 4204** as an **(H-3)**, with recommendation.  
**Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau. (10/17)

**NAYS:** Reps. Condino, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Bennett. (6/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Condino** moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Bennett** supported the motion. Without objection, absent members were excused.

**Representative Drolet** moved to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2005 meeting.  
**Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:33 a.m.

